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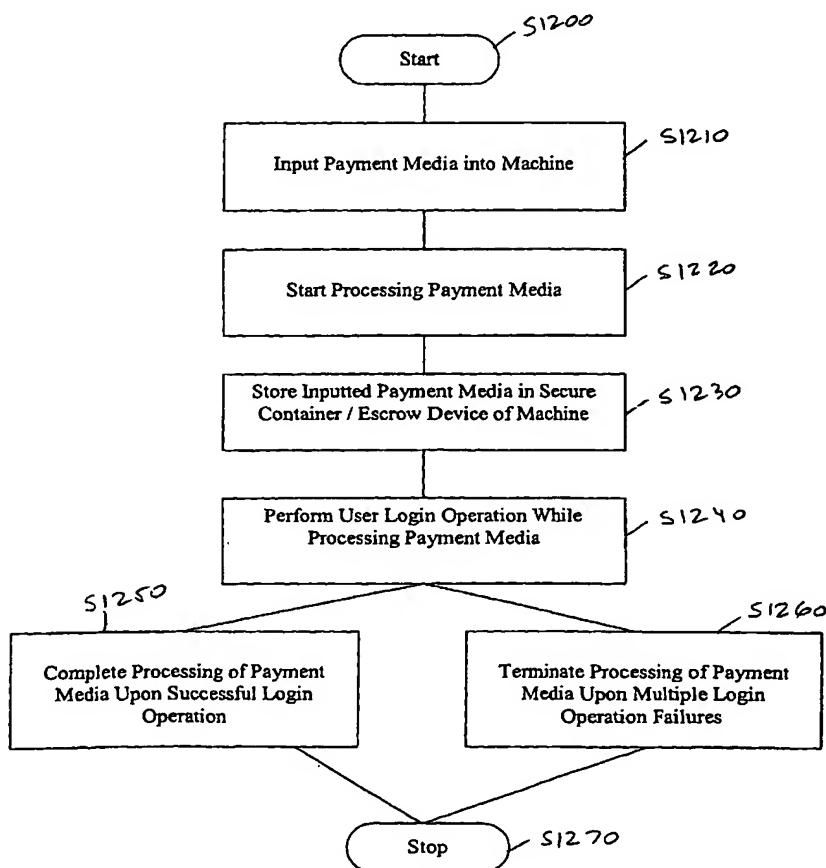
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(57) Abstract: Systems and methods that minimize or remove human intervention during the payment media handling process on the shop floor, in bank office and at the cash-in-transit place. By automating processes and providing physical, tamper evident secure means for transporting the payment media, it is possible to limit, if not remove, the need for retail staff to handle payment media (S1210). Systems and methods that enable the retailer to count, reconcile, and prepare the payment media in a format that is acceptable to the commercial banks (S1240). Systems and methods for a secure audit trail that detail payment media movement from the payment media originating source to the bank.

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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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II Priority
III Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
IV Lack of unity of invention
V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
VI Certain documents cited
VII Certain defects in the international application
VIII Certain observations on the international application

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I. Basis of the report1. With regard to the elements of the international application:^{*}

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the description:

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the claims:

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The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.



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 the claims, Nos. NONE
 the drawings, sheets/fig NONE
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V. Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. STATEMENT**

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-50</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>1-50</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-50</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

Claims 1-50 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(3), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a payment system and method having a controller processing a payment media that performs a user login operation either before, during or after processing the payment media.

Claims 1-50 meets the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4), and thus has industrial applicability because the subject matter claimed can be made or used in industry.

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A, P	US 6,578,015 B1 (HASELTINE et al) 10 June 2003 (10.06.2003), col.2, line 57-col.4, line 4	1-50
A	US 6,226, 624 B1 (WATSON et al) 01 May 2001 (01.05.2001), abstract.	1-50
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